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PACIFIC AND WESTERN LIVESTOCK AND MEAT TRADE REVIEW

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF., JULY 9, 1948 (USDA). FOLLOWING IN EFFECT A FOUR-DAY HOLIDAY OVER THE FOURTH OF JULY, RECEIPTS OF LIVESTOCK AT TERMINAL PACIFIC COAST MARKETS WERE CHARACTERIZED AS LIGHT, WITH THE POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF SPRING LAMBS AT SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO. FED CATTLE WERE SCARCE. MEDIUM TO GOOD STEERS, HEIFERS AND RANGE COWS OPENED FULLY 50¢ HIGHER, SPOTS \$1.00 HIGHER ON CANNER TO COMMON SLAUGHTER COWS. THE TREND ON GOOD AND CHOICE HOGS WAS \$1.50 TO \$1.85 HIGHER. SPRING LAMB SOLD MOSTLY STEADY, BUT MEDIUM TO GOOD MIXED SHORN AND WOOLLED FEEDER SPRING LAMBS HAD A WEAK UNDERTONE.

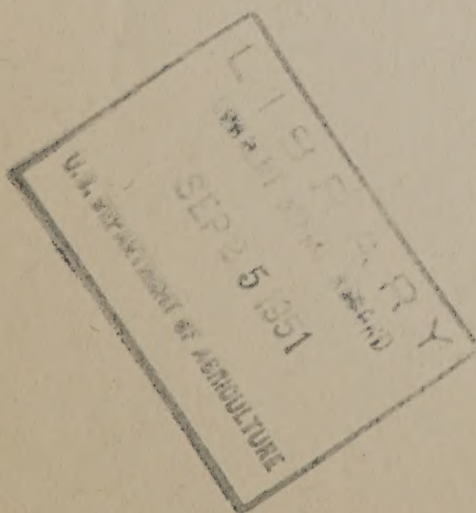
IN THE FAR WEST, THE SUPPLY OF FED CATTLE WAS RELATIVELY LIMITED, WITH A PRONOUNCED SHIFT TO GRASS AND PASTURE FATTENED OFFERINGS. WITH COOLER HOLDINGS OVER THE HOLIDAY AT A MINIMUM, CARCASS BEEF AND SPRING LAMB OPENED STEADY, BUT WITH RENEWED BUYING DEMAND SOME ADVANCES WERE SCORED BEFORE THE WEEK ENDED. TRADE WAS ACTIVE ON FAT SPRING LAMBS, ABOUT STEADY, WITH THE MOVEMENT FROM NORTH COAST CALIFORNIA AND SOUTHERN OREGON APPROACHING A SEASON'S PEAK IN VOLUME. PREVIOUSLY CONTRACTED GRASS FAT STEERS AND HEIFERS IN CALIFORNIA WERE TAKEN FROM DRYING LOWER RANGES AND PLACED IN COMMERCIAL FEED LOTS FOR AN ADDITIONAL FEEDING DURING THE WEEK. CALIFORNIA BEEF COOLERS NOW HAVE OVER 75 PER CENT COMMERCIAL AND DOWN QUALITY CARCASSES. NUMEROUS PORK CUTS WERE ADVANCED \$1.00 PER 100 POUNDS TO MEET THE UPWARD SURGE OF LIVE HOGS.

LOS ANGELES HAD ONE LOAD LOW GOOD 984 POUND FED STEERS AT \$34.00. OTHERWISE MUCH OF THE MARKET OFFERINGS WERE MEDIUM AND GOOD GRADES OF GRASS SLAUGHTER STEERS FROM \$28.00 TO \$31.00 AT TERMINAL AUCTION AND COUNTRY MARKETS. A FEW LOADS OF GOOD FED HEIFERS AT \$31.00 AND MEDIUM AND GOOD GRASS HEIFERS \$28.00 TO \$29.50. MUCH OF THE COW OFFERINGS WERE DAIRY-BRED CANNER, CUTTER AND COMMON GRADES, WHICH REBOUNDED UPWARD TO SELL IN A SPREAD OF \$17.00 TO \$20.00, FEW WITH WEIGHT TO \$21.00 AND ABOVE. BEEF-TYPE GRASS RANGE COWS OF COMMON, MEDIUM AND GOOD GRADE RANGE FROM \$22.00 TO \$24.00, BUT ONLY SCATTERED SALES MIXED YOUNG COWS AND HEIFERS GOT ABOVE \$24.50. THERE IS A BROAD DEMAND FOR MEDIUM AND GOOD STOCKER AND FEEDER STEERS AROUND \$2.00 LESS THAN EARLY FRAGMENTARY INTERMOUNTAIN SALES AT \$27.00 TO \$29.00. OVER THE WEST, MEDIUM TO CHOICE OVER 250 POUND SLAUGHTER CALVES BROUGHT \$27.00 TO \$30.00.

AT SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, GOOD AND CHOICE NORTH COAST SPRING LAMBS SOLD STEADY AT \$28.50 TO \$29.25, WITH CONSIDERABLE SORTING ON MEDIUM TO CHOICE UNDER 75 POUND FEEDER LAMBS AT \$26.00 TO \$27.00 TO LADINO CLOVER PASTURES. ABOUT 5,000 HEAD WENT OUT TO CLOVER. AT OGDEN, A DOZEN LOADS OF IDAHO CHOICE 95 POUND LAMBS EARLY \$32.25 WAS THE WEEK'S OUTSTANDING WESTERN SALE. PORTLAND TOP RANGED AROUND \$26.00. AT PACIFIC COAST MARKETS GOOD AND CHOICE 180-240 POUND BUTCHER HOGS SOLD FROM \$31.00 TO \$32.00 ON LATE DAYS.

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PACIFIC AND WESTERN LIVESTOCK AND MEAT TRADE REVIEW

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF., JULY 16, 1948 (USDA). DEMAND FOR LIVESTOCK AND MEATS IN THE PACIFIC AREA CONTINUED TO BROADEN AND GENERAL PRICE LEVELS MOVED INTO NEW ALL-TIME HIGH GROUND. ALL CLASSES OF CATTLE ADVANCED 50¢ TO \$1.00 AND THE NORTHWEST WAS SHARPLY \$1.00 TO \$1.50 HIGHER. GOOD AND CHOICE HOGS WERE LITTLE CHANGED FROM A WEEK AGO. THE NORTHWEST AREA LACKED QUALITY LAMBS. SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO HAD A FULL ASSORTMENT OF GRADES, WITH OVER 7,000 HEAD MOVING TO LADINO CLOVER PASTURES IN THE CENTRAL PART OF THE STATE, EQUAL TO THE PREVIOUS WEEK.

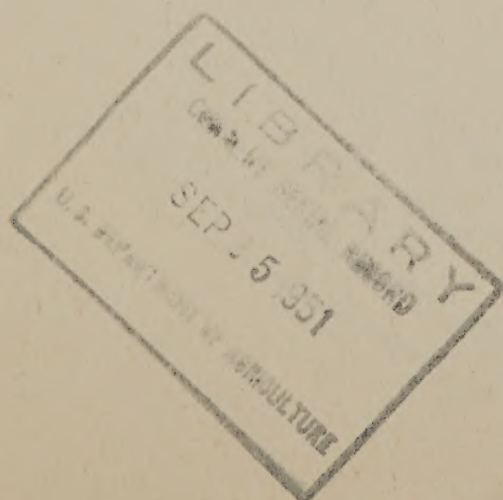
IN THE PACIFIC STATES SUPPLIES OF FED STEERS AND HEIFERS BECAME RELATIVELY LIMITED, WITH A RESULT SUCH CATTLE PRACTICALLY COMMANDED SUBSTANTIAL PREMIUMS WHEN OFFERED. FAT SPRING LAMBS FROM NORTH COAST CALIFORNIA, SOUTHERN OREGON AND IDAHO EXPANDED IN VOLUME. PREVIOUSLY CONTRACTED CALIFORNIA GRASS FAT STEERS AND HEIFERS WERE TAKEN FROM LOWER DRYING RANGES WHERE TEMPERATURES REACHED 103 DEGREES DURING THE WEEK, AND WERE PLACED IN COMMERCIAL FEED-LOTS.

A FEW LOADS OF GOOD FED STEERS AT PORTLAND REACHED \$33.50, AND TWO LOADS LOW-GOOD 1025 LB. STEERS BROUGHT \$34.25 AT LOS ANGELES, ALL ON A NEW HIGHER BASIS. OUTSIDE THESE RELATIVELY FEW LOADS MUCH OF THE MEDIUM AND GOOD GRADES OF GRASS SLAUGHTER STEERS SOLD IN A SPREAD OF \$28.00 TO \$32.00 AT TERMINAL MARKETS. ODD MEDIUM AND GOOD GRASS HEIFERS \$28.00 TO \$30.00. MUCH OF THE COW SUPPLY CONSISTED OF DAIRY-BRED CANNER, CUTTER AND COMMON GRADES, WHICH SOLD IN A SPREAD OF \$17.00 TO \$20.00, A FEW WITH WEIGHT TO \$22.00, FIRM WITH LAST WEEK'S LATE UPTURN. BEEF-TYPE GRASS RANGE COWS OF MEDIUM AND GOOD GRADE RANGED \$22.00 TO \$24.00. TERMINAL MARKET FEEDER CATTLE BUYERS PRACTICALLY TOOK ALL MEDIUM AND GOOD FEEDER STEERS AT \$28.00 TO \$30.00, AFTER THE FAVORABLE CORN CROP ESTIMATE, MORE OR LESS ANTICIPATING A DEARTH OF OFFERINGS LATER ON THIS YEAR. MOST OF THE MEDIUM TO CHOICE OVER 250 POUND SLAUGHTER CALVES BROUGHT \$27.50 TO \$31.00. AT SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, GOOD AND CHOICE NORTH COAST SPRING LAMBS SOLD STEADY AT \$28.50 TO \$29.25, FEW DECKS \$29.50, AND AT MID-WEEK A FLURRY TO \$30.00. AS MUCH AS 30 TO 35 PERCENT SORTS WERE TAKEN FROM LOADS AS FEEDER LAMBS. OVER 7,000 HEAD MEDIUM TO CHOICE 65 TO 75 POUND MIXED SHORN AND WOOLLED FEEDER SPRING LAMBS WENT TO CENTRAL CALIFORNIA LADINO CLOVER IRRIGATED PASTURES AT \$25.50 TO \$26.50. MEDIUM TO CHOICE SHORN EWES 50¢ HIGHER, BULK \$9.00 TO \$11.00.

IN THE WHOLESALE MEAT TRADE GOOD STEER BEEF REACHED \$54.00 ON UNDER 600 POUND CARCASSES IN CALIFORNIA, AND \$57.00 TO \$58.00 IN THE NORTHWEST, TO ESTABLISH AN ALL-TIME HIGH. GOOD AND CHOICE LAMBS WERE NOT FAR BEHIND IN A RANGE OF \$50.00 TO \$55.00.

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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF., JULY 30, 1948 (USDA). SLOWER ACTION, ACCUMULATING SUPPLIES AND DECLIN-  
ING PRICES IN THE TRADE OF FRESH MEATS BROUGHT A SIMILAR TREND TO LIVESTOCK MARKETS OF THE  
WESTERN STATES THIS WEEK. RECEIPTS WERE OF FAIRLY GOOD VOLUME AT TERMINAL MARKETS WITH CATTLE  
AND LAMBS TOTALING A LITTLE LARGER THAN IN THE SAME WEEK LAST YEAR. COWS WHICH COMPRISED A  
LARGE SHARE OF THE TOTAL DECLINED \$1.00 TO \$1.50, WHILE STEERS WHICH WERE UNEVENLY DISTRIBUTED  
HELD STEADY AT SOME MARKETS BUT TOOK AN EARLY LOSS OF 50¢ TO \$1.00 AT LOS ANGELES AND MOST  
SALES WERE \$2.00 OR MORE LOWER AT NORTH PORTLAND. CLOSING PRICES SHOWED VEALERS AND CALVES  
STEADY TO 50¢ LOWER FOR THE WEEK, HOGS 50¢ TO \$1.00 LOWER AND SPRING LAMBS FULLY \$1.00 TO  
\$1.50 LOWER AT THE COAST MARKETS, BUT AROUND 75¢ HIGHER AT OGDEN WHERE RECEIPTS CONTINUED IN  
GOOD VOLUME.

THE HIGH LEVEL OF MEAT PRICES, PARTICULARLY AT THE RETAIL LEVEL, HAS ENCOUNTERED GROWING  
RESISTANCE WHICH ON LATE DAYS CAUSED A LOWERING OF WHOLESALE PRICES ON COW BEEF AND LAMB.  
BOTH OF THESE CLASSES WERE IN GENEROUS SUPPLY ALL WEEK AND PACKING HOUSE COOLERS WERE WELL  
STOCKED AT THE CLOSE. GOOD GRADE STEER BEEF WHICH REMAINED IN LIGHT SUPPLY SHOWED A LITTLE  
STRENGTH ON LATE DAYS, THE MAIN SUSTAINING FACTOR BEING A FAIRLY CONSISTENT DEMAND FROM THE  
HOTEL AND RESTAURANT TRADE. COMMERCIAL AND UTILITY GRADE OF STEER AND HEIFER BEEF CLOSED  
STEADY TO \$2.00 LOWER FOR THE WEEK, COW BEEF WEAK TO \$2.00 LOWER, VEAL AND CALF STEADY TO  
\$1.00 LOWER, LAMB \$1.00 TO \$3.00 LOWER AND FRESH PORK WEAK TO \$2.00 LOWER.

IN THE WEEK'S LIVESTOCK TRADE AT TERMINAL MARKETS, AUCTIONS FEED-LOTS AND ON RANCHES MEDIUM  
AND LOW-GOOD SLAUGHTER STEERS SOLD FROM \$28.00 TO \$31.00, WITH SOME MARKETS AND FEED-LOTS HAV-  
ING A FEW LOADS OF GOOD STEERS AT \$32.00 TO \$34.00, WHILE LOS ANGELES REACHED \$37.00 ON A FEW  
HEAD OF CHOICE STEERS. SALES AT CALIFORNIA RANCHES INCLUDED ONE STRING OF 230 HEAD OF 50 DAY  
FED STEERS WEIGHING BETWEEN 950 AND 1,000 POUNDS AT \$32.00 F. O. B. THE RANCH. MOST OF THE  
COWS ON SALE WERE CANNER, CUTTER AND COMMON GRADES THAT SOLD FROM \$15.50 TO \$20.00, WHILE  
MEDIUM AND GOOD GRADES OF BEEF-TYPE COWS SOLD FROM \$21.50 TO \$25.00. MOST MEDIUM TO CHOICE  
VEALERS AND SLAUGHTER CALVES SOLD FROM \$25.00 TO \$30.00 WITH A FEW MARKETS REACHING \$31.00 TO  
\$32.00 ON SELECTED CHOICE VEALERS. LIGHT HOG SUPPLIES COMPRISED MOSTLY BUTCHERS IN THE 180-  
240 POUND RANGE WHICH SOLD LATE FROM \$29.00 TO \$30.00 WITH A FEW REACHING \$31.00. GOOD AND  
CHOICE SPRING LAMBS ON LATE DAYS BROUGHT \$26.00 TO \$26.75 AT SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, \$23.00 TO  
\$24.50 AT NORTH PORTLAND AND \$27.65 TO \$28.50 AT OGDEN.

A GOOD DEMAND CONTINUED ON REPLACEMENT STOCK WITH MEDIUM AND GOOD FEEDER STEERS SELLING FROM  
\$27.00 TO \$31.00 INCLUDING A FEW SALES AT RANCHES IN CALIFORNIA AND WITHOUT SHRINK AT THE  
LATTER PRICE. LOS ANGELES HAD THREE LOADS OF GOOD FLESHY FEEDERS AT \$31.50. NUMEROUS LOTS  
AND DECKS OF MEDIUM TO CHOICE FEEDER LAMBS SOLD FROM \$23.00 TO \$24.00 AT SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO,  
WHILE GOOD AND CHOICE FEEDERS SOLD UP TO \$25.50 AT OGDEN.

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